



Banks Avenue School

Living and Learning with HEART

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Thursday 6 December

Tuesday 11 December

Wednesday 12 December

Thursday 13 December

Tuesday 18 December

Wednesday 19 December

Wednesday 30 January

Celebration Evening – 5:00 – 7:00pm

Team Kahikatea CCC Searching the Shoreline/Thomson Park Trip

Year 6 Leavers Ceremony 7:00pm at Shirley Intermediate School

Reports go home with children

Junior Module Christmas Carols from 1:45 – 2:45pm

Team Totara Fun Day

Team Kahikatea HEART Celebration Day at Avebury House

Huihuinga – Poi & Haka Ceremony at 11:50am – children dismissed at 12:30pm

Term 1 2019 begins

Mihi Whakatau begins at 9:00am

Banks Avenue School trip / event postponements and or cancellations will only be heard on NEWSTALK ZB 1098AM and CLASSIC HITS and viewed on our website: www.banksave.school.nz

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please let our school office know using one of the following options: Phone: 385 4163 / option 3 text 027 422 8032 email: office@banksave.school.nz

Or notify us via our website: <http://www.banksave.school.nz/absences.html> or via our Flexibuzz app: www.flexibuzz.com

If your child arrives at school after 9:00am they must check in at the office. This saves a lot of phone calls for unexplained absences in order to ensure the safety of all our children.

Dear Parents and Whānau

The countdown continues... ten school days left until the end of term! We have many things across the school we are endeavouring to fit in before Wednesday 19 December. Let's hope we get some decent weather over the next two weeks; we are all tired of being cooped up inside.

Classes for 2019 were drafted on Tuesday evening. We start 2019 with sixteen classrooms; Team Miro will have seven teachers in 2019 not six. Each class in the school will have between 23 and 27 children except the new entrants where we limit it to twenty students per room.

In 2019 we begin school on Wednesday 30 January. The school office will be open from Monday 28 January if parents need to enrol students or want to purchase stationery.

Mufti Day

Next Monday children in Tangaroa House (blue house) are allowed to wear mufti. This is because they have collected the most HEART tokens this year. Well done Tangaroa House.

All other children need to be in school uniform.

School Celebration Evening

Tomorrow night

Thursday 6 December

5:00 - 7:00pm

Bring some kai, have some fun, join in some games, have a coffee, enjoy a sausage, share in your children's learning, be entertained.

See you tomorrow night ☺

If it is raining we will cancel and let you know via Facebook and Flexibuzz

Farewell Year 6s

The next ten days are significant for our Year 6 students; they are in the final phase of their primary school years. I dare say for many parents it seems like you blinked and your child has gone from a nervous new entrant to the confident and competent young person we see today.

As we farewell our year 6s it is both a time of sadness and excitement. 2018 year 6 pupils have worked hard to add to the positive culture of our school so we will

be very sad to see them leave. However we also know their kete of skills, knowledge and dispositions is full and they are ready for the next part of their learning journey. I look forward to celebrating their time with us on Tuesday 11 December at our formal year 6 leaving ceremony at Shirley Intermediate.

Quotes from Year 6s

Mistakes have the power to turn you into better than you were before.

Banks Ave has been my conductor, leading me through life so I can perform to my best

Banks Ave is like a jigsaw puzzle: everyone is a piece and all together we form a heart.

Mistakes are stepping stones to learning

Banks Ave has given me a platform so now I'm ready to launch myself and achieve success with my hopes and dreams.

You can call Banks Avenue many things, but the thing that I call it the most is my home.

What advice would I give to our Year 6 leavers?

- Choose your friends wisely. The peer group you mix with has the ability help or hinder your development across all hauora dimensions (your health, your relationships and your mental and emotional wellbeing). Choose the best friends possible.
- Don't waste the opportunities that you will get at school. Most of us get only one opportunity to get a good education so make the most of it. Education will open doors and provide future benefits so put in the effort - it will be worth it.
- Finally..... Be brave! Be courageous! Try things! Fail - it's okay, just try it again!

Canterbury Athletics

Today we have three children competing at the Canterbury Athletics at Nga Puna

Wai in Halswell. We wish Ava W, Ashlyn G and Dallys R-P all the best. We know you will do us proud.



Caretaker Leaving

Steve Davison has been our caretaker for the last four years. Steve has resigned as he is moving south. We thank Steve for all he has done for our school and wish him the best in the future.

We are advertising for a replacement for Steve. We are looking for a general handyman who likes gardening and who may have some skills that he could offer as a mentor e.g., working with individuals or small groups of children on some projects.

If you think you know someone who could be interested then get them to contact the office for an application pack. Applications must be received at our school office no later than 4:00pm Monday 17 December.

Holiday Reading

Over the holidays children often drop back in their learning, especially younger students. The best thing parents can do to help maintain progress is to ensure children continue to read daily. Oscar Wilde once said, "It's what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it."



New Trophy - GRIT

Thanks to the MacFarlane family for donating our GRIT trophy.



GRIT is the ability to persist in something you feel passionate about and persevere when you face obstacles. Grit is about perseverance. To persevere means to stick with it; continuing to work hard even after experiencing difficulty or failure. Research indicates that the ability to be gritty - to stick with things that are important to you and bounce back from failure - is an essential component of success independent of and beyond what talent and intelligence contribute.

This trophy will be presented at our awards ceremony next week.

Shirley Farewell

We had an amazing assembly last week that celebrated Shirley Haig's time as a teacher. My favourite part was the "This is your life" video the children has made. We wish Shirley all the best in retirement - she will be missed as she is a skilled and passionate teacher.



Family Accounts

All family accounts should have been paid in full by Monday 3 December. Any amounts outstanding are now overdue. We are working have all family accounts paid in full before we close on Wednesday 19 December.



**Have
you
paid ?**

Remember the parent donation is voluntary but all trips, activities, stationary, linewize etc., must be paid in full.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact our office urgently so we can work to get your account settled promptly.

HEART Values

Our HEART values are central to all that we do at Banks Avenue School. Children are given HEART tokens for showing individual values. These tokens are collated by the class teacher. When a child has twenty five HEART tokens for a value their name goes in the newsletter. When they have earned fifty tokens for a value they receive a value wristband. Once a child has received all five HEART wristbands they work

towards the Black wristband - This makes them a Banks Avenue Star.

Children belong to four different houses; each term all HEART tokens are added to see which house has received the most tokens for the term. There is always a small treat for children in the winning house.

2018 HOUSE POINTS

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Sub total YTD	Term 4	total	place
Tangaroa	2880	2017	1680	6577 1st	1681	8258	1ST
	2180	1998	1677	5855 3rd	1667	7522	3rd
Mahuika	2391	2154	1740	6285 2nd	1744	8029	2nd
	2112	1976	1606	5694 4th	1594	7288	4th
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Last year red house, mahuika, was first. This year, the house with the most tokens is tangaroa, blue house!
Congratulations Tangaroa, you get to have your own mufti day on Monday next week.

Congratulations to the following children who have all earned **25 HEART tokens** - well done!

Hauora: Harry S (Roto).

Excellence: Ethan H, Walter A, Mark A, Grace B, Emily C-L (The Landing).

Aroha: Mark A, Keahe D (The Landing), Gwen C (Kea), Irmhild B (Roto), Bradley C (AWA).

Respect: Mark A, Christian P (The Landing).

Togetherness: Roame S (Base Camp), Jackson K, William M-S, Ashleigh C (Tui), Caleb M Kane E (Kea), Sofia H (AWA).

Fifty HEART Tokens

Congratulations - these children have earned a wristband.

Hauora: Lochie K (Black Robins).

Excellence: Bradley E, Roame S, Casey L (Base Camp), Vincent H, Ryder L, Honor G, Kayla E (Tui), Regan G (Roto), Lucy P, Shaylah S (AWA).

Aroha: Hollie L (Base Camp).

Respect: Jack E, Bradley E, Mason M (The Landing), Rawiri H (Black Robins), Finn W (Tui), Caleb M, Isla-Rose C (Kea).



Togetherness: Claudia F (The Landing), Nimeet M, Sophie B, Piper M (Kea), Alyssa U, Harmony G, Madison B (Roto), Liam H (AWA).

Black Wristbands

Students earn a black wristband once they have collected all five HEART wristbands and they have *an additional* fifty HEART tokens. As you can imagine the black bands are very hard to earn; a lot of effort goes into earning one. Black wristbands indicate that a pupil is a Banks Avenue STAR!

Pride in Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Pride in Achievement Awards

Bronze	Lilly B Solomon T Brendan B Lucas B Hazel Y	Roto Roto AWA Roto Kea
Silver	Brendan B	AWA
Gold	Brendan B	AWA



Well done Verity!



Verity H (Roto) did very well in the Christmas Gymnastics Competition held at Christchurch School of Gymnastics in the weekend. Here she is with her certificates and medals.

**School photos are coming home with children today.
Keep a look out for them.**

PTA NEWS

As mentioned in the last newsletter we will be having a Sausage Sizzle and Juicys at the Celebration Evening tomorrow night. A big thank you to those who put your names forward to help on the night.



Thank you also to those who have helped with the Christmas raffle, this will also be here at school tomorrow night.

Tune in to HEARTbeat 106.7FM



Listen to our students master broadcasting radio. If you live close to the school (within 6kms) you can tune into 106.7FM on your radio, to listen. If you live further away, you can access HEARTbeat 106.7FM online, from our school website. For quick access just click on the link below.

<http://www.banksave.school.nz/heartbeat-1067fm.html>

Programmes are broadcasted every day before school from 8:30am-9:00am and at lunchtime from 12:30pm-1:00pm.

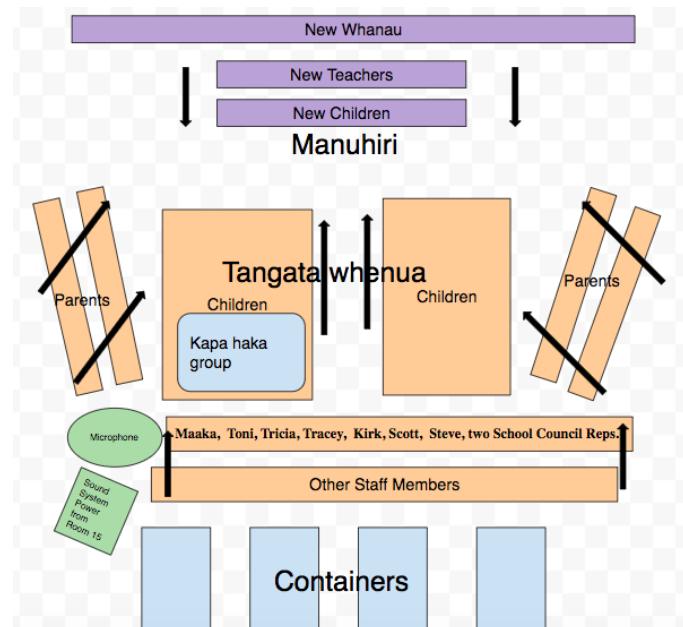
Mihi Whakatau – Māori Tikanga (protocol)

Kia ora koutou

Here is some more information about the Mihi Whakatau on the first day of school next year (Wednesday 30 January).

If you are Tangata whenua (a local, existing staff and parents) you will need to make your way to the back court and be seated facing the creek with your back to the containers.

The Manuhiri (new staff, students and whanau) will meet the Deputy Principals, Tricia Carroll and Tracey Mora by 8:45am. They will be escorted to the back of the court will sit facing the containers with their back towards creek.



There will be some short speeches from Maaka Kahukuranui of kapa haka tutor, Kirk McKay our Board of Trustees Chair and of course Toni Burnside our principal.

We will sing some waiata and here are some links to the songs if you would like to start practising at home. [National Anthem](#) (see if you sign along with Natalia) [He Honore](#) [Tihei Mauri ora](#)

On the day there will be booklets available that include the order of events and all the words to the waiata as well.

We are really excited about this new addition to our school tikanga (protocol) and look forward to seeing many whanau who can make it on the day.

Banks on Shirley

On Monday afternoon we held a community session about our new school. Our architects from Opus shared plans for the hall, the library, the administration area and the learning hubs. They also shared some landscaping ideas. I will put a small display on the windows of the library for parents to look at on Thursday evening.

What thoughts have you got about our grounds and our playground areas? Here are some of our thoughts. If you have any other ideas email me principal@banksave.school.nz

Landscaping and Playground Ideas

- What do we want:
 - Sandpit area
 - Hills and mounds - on the mound a slide that curves down, tunnel that goes under and pops out
 - Outdoor Amphitheatre
 - Orchard
 - Vege Garden/nursery to grow from seed
 - Used parts play area (e.g., tyres, tarps, planks etc.)
 - Sheltered eating areas
 - Playground zones -adventure area, discovery area, peaceful reflection area, sheltered area where children can work, small enclosed calm down zone - water feature
 - Sensory Garden: Lavender (relaxation), Peppermint (awaken for learning) different textured plants (lambs ears - soft...)
 - Scooter and /or bike track
 - Climbing ropes that children can climb with knots in
 - Interchangeable boxes
 - Portable seating planks
 - Outdoor game spaces - large chess/naughts and crosses etc.
 - Designated quiet areas with outside seating
 - Permanent volleyball/rebound wall/paint targets on it
 - Permanent feature of hockey goals
 - Climbing wall with knuckles to hold onto
- What we can take with us
 - the whare,
 - the new shed for Discovery equipment
 - Memory bricks
 - Part of room 2 mural
 - Friendship seats
 - Containers to put PE equipment into
 - Coloured doors - can we use them somehow?

We encourage shady behavior.

You've got it made if you stay in the shade. Plant trees, put up umbrellas, build shade structures.



Whakatauki

He waka eke noa

A canoe which we are all in with no exception

We are all in this together. An example of when this can be used perhaps when a group of you are going to the movies but one of them doesn't have any money so wouldn't be able to go along. You can say *he waka eke noa*, meaning you will pay as you are all in one group and it would not be the same if they were to miss out



CHRISTMAS carols assembly



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Banks Avenue Junior Module



Thursday 13th December - 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

There will be some singing of Christmas carols, some sharing of items and a couple of surprises too.

We would love our junior module parents / whānau and supporters to come along and join in our Christmas Carols Assembly. This will be in the library if it is wet.

